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Attention: Mr. Terry Smith, P.E.

Re: Geotechnical Report Addendum No. 2

Revised Global Stability Analyses

South Ash Containment Pond Embankments

Riverside Generating Station

Bettendorf, Iowa

Terracon Project No. 07105081/02105081G

Dear Mr. Smith.

As requested, Terracon Consultants Inc. (Terracon) has conducted additional subsurface exploration and revised our global stability analyses of the South Ash Containment Pond Embankments to evaluate meeting a minimum factor of safety of 1.5 under Steady State Seepage conditions as required by USACE embankment dam criteria. This addendum letter summarizes the results of our additional exploration and analysis of the current embankment slopes. Logs of the supplemental borings and a revised location plan are included with this addendum letter.

Our December 7, 2010 geotechnical report for the project indicated the global stability factor of safety of the embankments under conditions of Steady State Seepage ranged from 1.42 to 1.51 for the five (5) sections analyzed. The borings performed for our original analysis did not extend into the 1968 embankment and access to perform borings to intercept the 1968 embankment was not available at that time. For this reason, the geometry and material properties of the original 1968 construction were estimated from limited historical drawings and MEC construction cost estimate data available. Based on the limited information, our analyses included conservative estimates of the geometry and material characteristics for the original 1968 embankment construction located within and beneath the toe of the existing embankments (refer to Sections 3.2, 3.4 and 3.7 of our December 7, 2010 report). Estimates of the original river alluvium properties and thicknesses beneath the 1968 embankment were also made for our analysis.

To help obtain a better understanding of the 1968 embankment and underlying alluvium, four (4) supplemental borings were performed during the remediation project for the South Ash Containment Pond Embankment project. The supplemental borings indicate the original 1968 embankment extended deeper than originally estimated with little to no native river bed alluvium present beneath the embankment section. The additional information obtained from the supplemental borings was used to update the slope stability cross-sections for our revised

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analysis. The materials encountered in this zone consisted of a mixture of riprap, gravel, sand, silt, and ash. We assigned a friction angle of 36 degrees to this zone, labeled 1968 Levee Foundation, in our analysis.

Using the updated cross-sections, our revised analyses for the referenced sections indicate the factor of safety under Steady State Seepage conditions ranges from 1.50 to 1.57 at the five (5) design sections, shown in the following table. These values meet and/or exceed the minimum required factor of safety of 1.5 required for embankment dam safety criteria for the Steady State Seepage condition. Based on our revised analysis, it is our opinion that no additional remediation of the embankment sections beyond that which has been completed to date appears necessary.

	Estimated Factor of Safety Obtained from Steady State Seepage Analysis <sup>1</sup>									
Section	Required Minimum Factor of Safety <sup>2</sup>	Downstream								
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- Reported factors of safety are for deep seated circular "failure" surfaces that emerge near the levee crest. Computed factors of safety for shallow circular "failure" surfaces near the toe of the levee may be smaller.
- 2. Reference: Table 6.1b from EM 1110-2-1913

The analysis and recommendations presented in this addendum are based upon the data obtained from the borings performed at the indicated locations and from other information discussed in this report. This addendum is intended to supplement the original Geotechnical Engineering Report prepared for this project and is not intended to be used separately from the original report. This addendum and the recommendations contained herein are considered part of, and should be attached to, our geotechnical report for the project. The recommendations, opinions and limitations contained in the original geotechnical report and subsequent addenda that are not specifically addressed in this addendum remain valid.

This addendum has been prepared for the exclusive use of our client for specific application to the project discussed and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted geotechnical engineering practices. No warranties, either expressed or implied, are intended or made. In the event changes in the nature, design, or location of the project as outlined in this addendum, are planned, the conclusions and recommendations contained in this addendum

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shall not be considered valid unless Terracon reviews the changes, and either verifies or modifies the conclusions of this addendum in writing.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of further service to you on this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Steven M. Leyorson, Ph.D., P.E.

Senior Consultant

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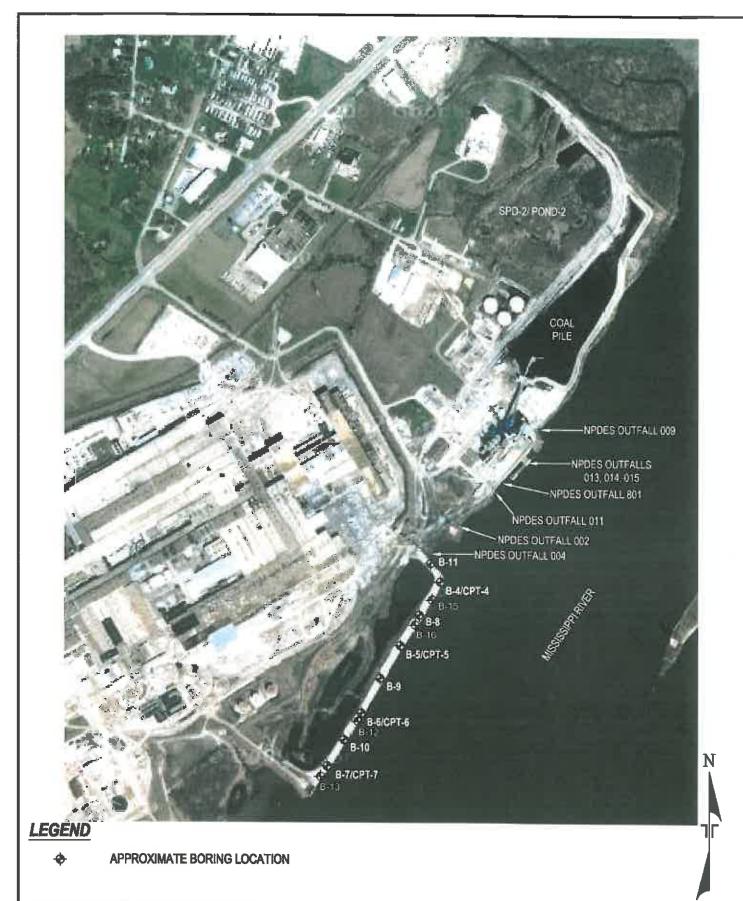
I hereby certify that this engineering document was prepared by me or under my direct personal supervision and that I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Iowa.

Vaughn/Rulpnow/P.E.

Date

My license renewal date is December 31, 2012.

**Attachments** 



THIS DIAGRAM IS FOR GENERAL LOCATION ONLY, AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

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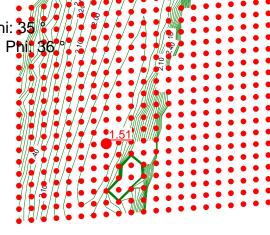
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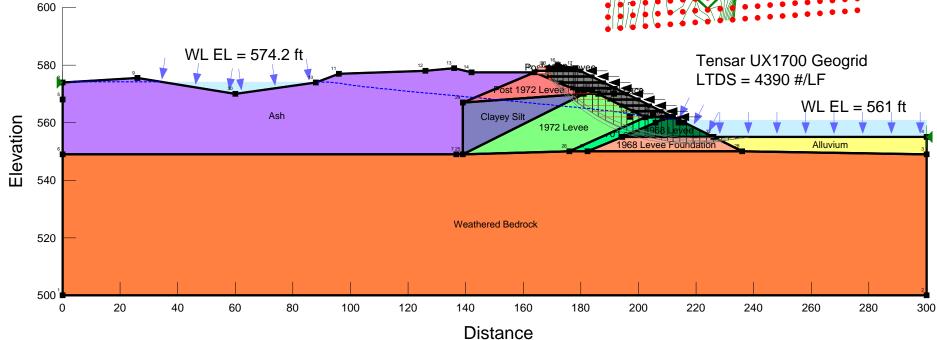
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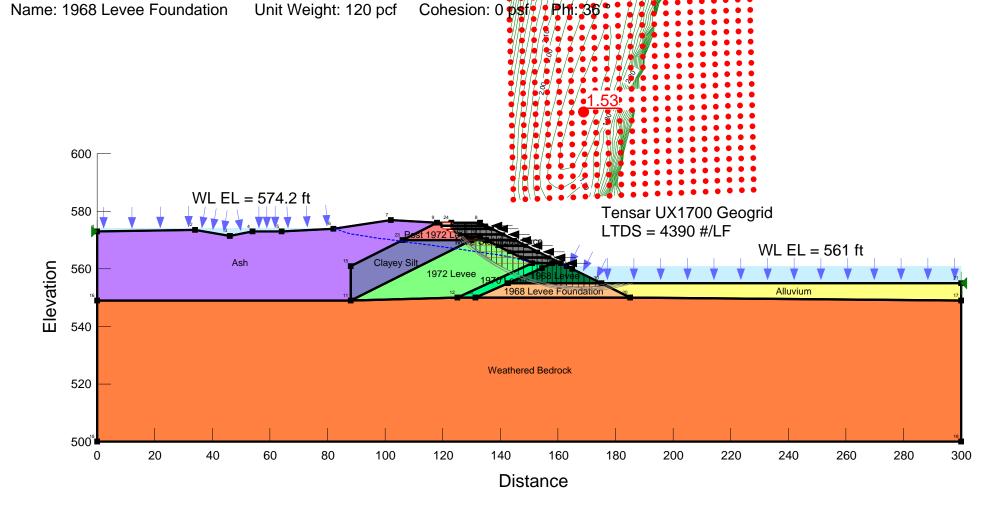
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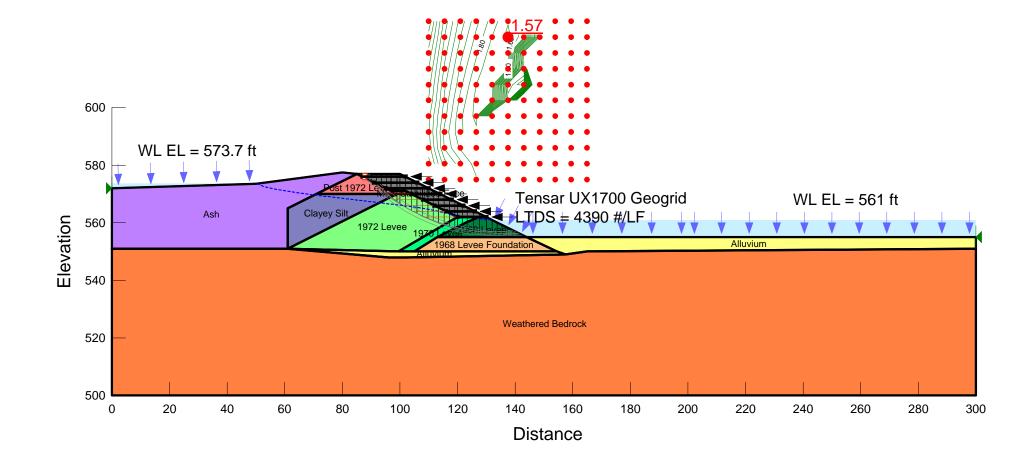
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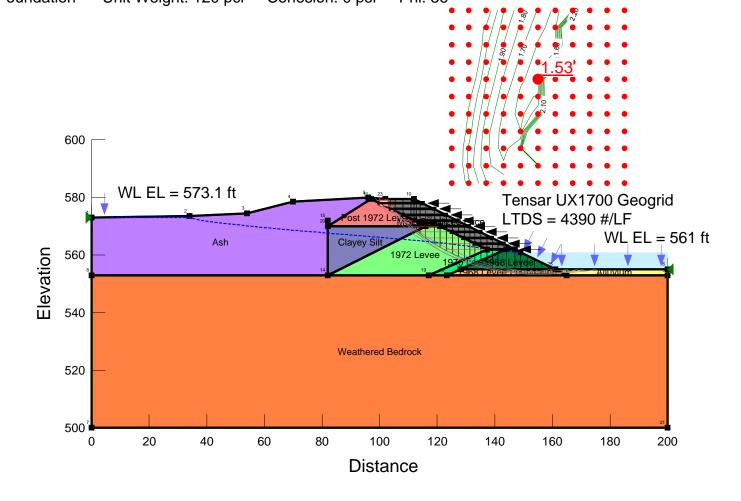
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